

# Celebration of Worship

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

9:30 A.M.

*We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing  
the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.*

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Reflection

Tony Campollo

“One of the most startling discoveries of my life was the realization that the Jesus that I love, the Jesus who died for me on Calvary, that Jesus is waiting, mystically and wonderfully, in every person I meet. I find Jesus everywhere.”

### Ringling of the Bell

**Song** *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** Kindred of God, a new vision of leadership is called forth and God calls upon the least likely, the unheard of, and the humble of heart to assemble to receive anointing.

**People:** **In peace, we anoint the forgotten, the youngest, smallest, and unlikeliest of siblings whom God has raised up to serve.**

**Leader:** Though the call may involve risk and danger, we are called to listen, obey, and live a love unwavering.

**People:** **In peace, we anoint the disinherited and dismissed.**

**Leader:** God's call does not depend on our outward appearance or our earthly achievements.

**People:** **In peace, we anoint neighbor and kin alike, knowing God looks upon the heart. Let us open our hearts to God this day. Amen.**

### Invocation

**All:** **Anointed One, Your love comes peaceably into our lives if we will but let it. We are so fixated on the gold standard, the familiar, and the safe choice that we often lose sight of what You are raising up right in our very midst. Enliven us with Your Spirit this day so that we might get a glimpse of Your peace. Take what we might imagine as too small for Your kin-dom and use it to open the world to Your overflowing abundance and provision for all that You have created. In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.**

### Hymn

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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### Prayer for Transformation and New Life

**All:** God of surprises, we know that we do not often perceive the world as You do. We look to the flashy fame, the grand gestures, optimal achievements, and unreachable standards. Yet, in spite of our misguided reach towards perfection, You give us glimpses of Your grandeur and grace. Surprise us yet again this day, O God, that in our complacency which allows us to drift towards the same old ways of faith, we may be transformed anew. Provide us with a new cup of oil that we may be anointed by Your love so that we may set out into Your world to bless and anoint others. In the name of the One whose love and peace make all things new, we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silence

### Words of Grace

**Leader:** Friends, receive the anointing of God's tender love and forgiveness this day, for God's care and compassion for you abides in your heart today and always.

**All:** **We rise and set out restored and renewed. Amen.**

### Gloria Patri

### Children's Time

### Passing of the Peace of God

### Hymn

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

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### Scripture Readings

*Psalm 23*

*John 9:1-41*

### Anthem

*You Renew My Soul*

Ruth Schram

Chancel Choir

You lead me, Gentle Shepherd, beside peaceful waters where the pastures are green,  
And safely I rest as You renew my soul.

If I walk through the valley, through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will not fear, for You are with me; You comfort me.

You lead me, Gentle Shepherd, beside peaceful waters where the pastures are green,  
And safely I rest as You renew my soul.

Lord, Your goodness and mercy will be with me every day of my life,

And I will live with You forever and ever.

### Scripture Reading

*Ephesians 5:8-14*

### Sermon

*"Receive the Light"*

Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

**Affirmation of Faith**

**All:** We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating; who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new; who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence; to live with respect in Creation; to love and serve others; to seek justice and resist evil; to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

**Prayers of the People and Lighting of Prayer Candles**

**Prayer and The Lord's Prayer** (Debts/debtors)

**Offering** Please place your offering in the plates at the exit doors, mail your gifts to the church, or click the WPC website 'Give' button

**Doxology and Blessing of the Offering**

**Hymn** *Jesus, the Light of the World*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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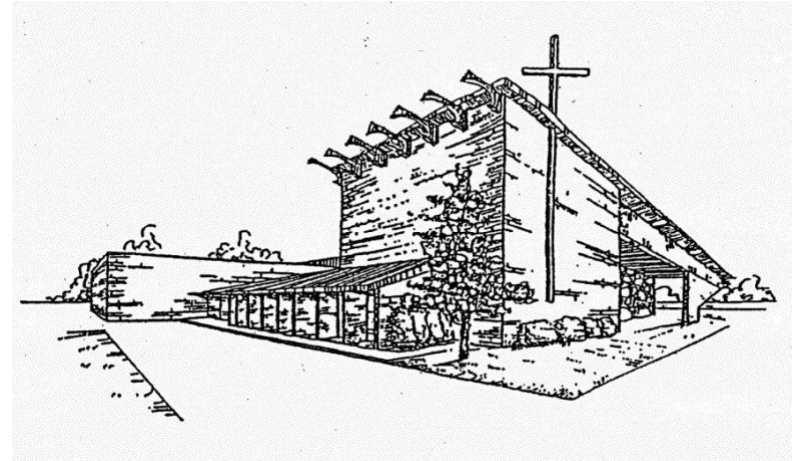
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welcoming all.*

### Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings; I see glory on each face.  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

### Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us #387

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care.  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.  
Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be.  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee.  
Early let us seek Thy favor; early let us do Thy will.  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

### Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

### My Shepherd Will Supply My Need # 172

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name.  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways,  
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
When I walk through the shades of death Your presence is my stay.  
One word of Your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread.  
My cup with blessings over flows; Your oil anoints my head.  
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.  
O may Your House be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,  
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

### Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

### Jesus, the Light of the World

Hark! The herald angels sing. Jesus, the light of the world.  
Glory to the newborn King, Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain: (sung after each verse)

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,  
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.  
O, Shine all around us by day and by night.  
Jesus, the light of the world.

Joyful all you nations, rise. Jesus the light of the world.  
Join the triumph of the skies. Jesus, the light of the world.

Christ by highest heaven adored; Jesus, the light of the world.  
Christ, the everlasting Lord; Jesus; Jesus, the light of the world.

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Jesus, the light of the world.  
Hail, the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the light of the world.

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### LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, March 19<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>I Samuel 16:1-13</i>	<i>Ezekiel 37:1-14</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 23</i>	<i>Psalm 130</i>
New Testament	<i>Ephesians 5:8-14</i>	<i>Romans 8:6-11</i>
Gospel	<i>John 9:1-41</i>	<i>John 11:1-45</i>

### MEMORY VERSE

*So do not fear, for I am with you;  
Do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.  
Isaiah 41:10*

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 19

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. DVD Lenten Series in Room 9/10 & on Zoom
- 12:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship Maple Weekend Outing
- 3:00 P.M. Worship at Cherry Ridge
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 489 in Room 9/10

### Monday, March 20 - April Pathway Deadline

- 4:00 P.M. Spiritual Nurture Committee on Zoom
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms
- 7:00 P.M. Mission Committee in Room 9/10 and on Zoom

### Tuesday, March 21

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Deacons' Meeting in Room 9/10

### Wednesday, March 22

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys' Restaurant
- 6:30 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

### Thursday, March 23

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 P.M. Bell Quartet Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room  
Pastor Nominating Committee in Room 9/10

### Friday, March 24

- 10:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom

### Saturday, March 25

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom  
ROC Ringers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 9:00 A.M. Joint Officers' Meeting in the Social Room
- 1:00 P.M. Memorial Service for Bob Rice in the Sanctuary

### Sunday, March 26

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. DVD Lenten Series in Room 9/10 & on Zoom
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship Art Project in the Social Room

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by live-streaming. Sunday services continue to be live-streamed. You can watch them live at 9:30 or later at your leisure using:  
**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/> or  
**YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>  
THIS SERVICE IS LIVESTREAMED on YouTube and Facebook. Participation in and/or observation of the service implies acknowledgment that your image may be seen on the stream at the time of the service and in the future, as the services are saved for future viewing.
2. ADULT ED. - Following worship at 10:45 in Room 9/10 and on Zoom Join us for "Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today", a DVD series narrated by Adam Hamilton. This week we will look at the seventh & eighth commandments with the themes "Faithfulness in an Age of Porn" and "We Are All Thieves".  
The Zoom link is:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82938906726?pwd=NUIkaHpTY3hYR2pFZFhaN1U0NFE1Zz09>
3. EASTER FLOWERS - The deadline is this Thursday for taking orders for Easter flowers to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, and then either take home or donate to our Friends at Home. Stop at the table in the Narthex today, contact Sue Wroblewski (545-4807 or [sue.wroblewski@icloud.com](mailto:sue.wroblewski@icloud.com)) or call the church office to choose from: Lilies (\$18), Yellow tulips (\$14) and Pink azaleas (\$21.50). When purchasing flowers, you may include a dedication that will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please make checks out to Presbyterian Women with "Flowers" in the memo line.
4. A PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH will be held in the Social Room on April 2<sup>nd</sup> after the worship service. Food and beverages will be provided by Rachel Circle. Sign up in the Narthex today, or call the church office (265-9700) to join us for this special fellowship time as a church family.
5. HOPE HOUSE is in constant need of food. Items on their wish list include canned or bottled fruit juice, applesauce, tuna, pasta, spaghetti sauce, Kleenex, shampoo, body wash and toddler underwear. A collection container is located in the upper Narthex, and there will be a drive-through food drive (no clothes, please) March 26<sup>th</sup>, 10 to noon.
6. ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - During Lent we are participating in the PCUSA special offering One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). This offering helps with disaster assistance, hunger insecurity, and self-development of people in the US and worldwide. Please use the offering envelopes in the chair racks or donate using the "Give" tab on the church Web site. More information about this program can be found at: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>.